

**We continue with “in-Church” services. Fully vaccinated persons are permitted to go without masks if they choose to, however, all who have NOT been vaccinated must still wear a mask and socially distance.**



*“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;” 1 John 2:1*

## **The Advocate**

**FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER**



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I hope that everyone was able to participate in the Coastal Bend One Day of Giving, honored veterans on Veterans Day, were able to adapt to the return to standard time and had a peaceful and joy-filled Thanksgiving.

At the end of November, we moved into a new liturgical year – Year A – and so I wish each of you a Happy New Year. Each liturgical new year begins with Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and we, as Episcopalians and Christians, not only participate in the worldly preparation for the celebration of the first coming of Christ, but our Scripture lessons for the beginning of Advent also remind us to prepare for the second coming of Christ – the end of times when he will return to judge the world and begin the reign of the Kingdom of God in all its glory.

The Christmas season begins on December the 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day. Although we have been celebrating his birth for days, or even weeks, this is the day of the year that we feel the greatest joy – though for some it may not be so. Often these days of Christmas are sad because of past losses. Whatever our current situation is, we need to keep Christmas all year long, as was said of Scrooge, through generosity, joyfulness, fairness and care for the many needs of people around us.

## FROM THE HEART (CONT'D)

On January 6<sup>th</sup> we enter the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God revealed to the Magi, the Three Kings, representing the presentation of Christ to the Gentiles.

It makes me sad that I will not be here for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but at the same time I am overjoyed that I will be spending the time with family in New Zealand. Unfortunately, it was not feasible to have a priest for these services so there will be no service on Christmas Eve for the first time in my memory. Gail has graciously agreed to preside at Morning Prayer on January 1<sup>st</sup>. I will return on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, looking forward to celebrating Eucharist with you on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Debbie will be in the office during regular hours and Roge will be available in his position as Senior Warden.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blessings, Joy and Peace, Tom

## Timeline for Electing Next Diocesan Bishop

### December 18, 2022

Final slate of candidates for Bishop Coadjutor published

### January 27-29, 2023

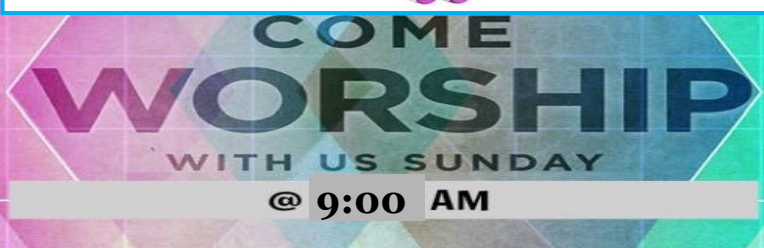
Discernment Forums, previously called "Walk-Abouts," will take place in the Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi and San Antonio regions; *times and locations to be determined*

### February 18, 2023

Election of a Bishop Coadjutor at the conclusion of Diocesan Council in Corpus Christi

### Summer 2023

Consecration of the Bishop-Elect; *time and location to be determined*



**VESTRY will meet at 5:15pm on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 & Tuesday, January 17th, 2023**

**WOA/MOA will meet on January 29th following coffee hour.**

**Please check the weekly pew sheet for updates of any scheduled meeting.**



All Parish  
Reports  
DUE to  
Debbie by  
January  
3rd, 2023



Annual  
Report



*January 15th,  
immediately  
following the  
service.*

**ANNUAL  
PARISH  
MEETING**



# Worship Schedule



**DECEMBER 2022**

**JANUARY 2023**

**December 4**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman  
Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock  
Usher: Andy Housley

**December 11**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley  
Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman  
Usher: Steve Keim

**December 18**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman  
Lectors: Clif Hammock & Juliette Wood  
Usher: Andy Housley

**December 24**

**No Service Christmas Eve**

**December 25**

**No Service Christmas Day**

**January 1**

**Morning Prayer**

Lay Minister: Gail Hoffman  
Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock  
Usher: Andy Housley

**January 8**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley  
Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman  
Usher: Steve Keim

**January 15**

**Annual Parish Meeting**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman  
Lectors: Juliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman  
Usher: Andy Housley

**January 22**

**Recovery Sunday**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley  
Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman  
Usher: Steve Keim

**January 29**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley  
Lectors: Clif Hammock & Juliette Wood  
Usher: Andy Housley

## LGBTQ+ Family Camp

A cohort of Texas Episcopal churches are hosting a retreat for LGBTQ+ folks (individuals, couples, and families) at Camp Capers from December 9-11. Leaders will help to facilitate conversations and support individuals and families as they wrestle with their queer identity and faith. We hope this weekend is a time to celebrate and create space to learn, process, and be in fellowship with individuals, couples, and families. Programming will be provided for all ages including adults, youth, and children. --

The Reverend Kendrah McDonald (she/her)  
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## Linda's Book Club



The Book Club has been renamed to “Linda’s Book Club” in memory of the Founder, Linda Keim. They will meet again in January, in the Library. Masks are not required if you have been fully vaccinated. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join in. Please observe CDC rules.

If you have any questions please contact  
Juliette Wood.



*The reading list and hostesses for 2023 are as follows:*

**January 19:** Mary Jean  
Clan of the Cave Bear - by Jean M. Auel

**February 16:** Aaronette  
Horse - by Geraldine Brooks

**March 16:** Bonnie Whitley  
The Winners - by Fredrik Backman

**April 20:** Juliette Wood  
The Great Gatsby - by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**May 18:** Kristen Turner  
In the Garden of Beasts—by Erik Larson

**June 15:** Glenda Dove  
The Lost Apothecary— by Sarah Penner

**July 20:** Katrina Morris  
Exodus: Revisited— by Deborah Feldman

**August 17:** Juliette Wood  
The Hidden Messages in Water—by Masaru Emoto and David A. Thyne

**September 21:** Clare Wonders  
Tisha—by Robert Specht

**October 19:** Bonnie Whitley (Katrina Morris)  
The Lost Girls of Willowbrook—by Ellen Marie Wiseman

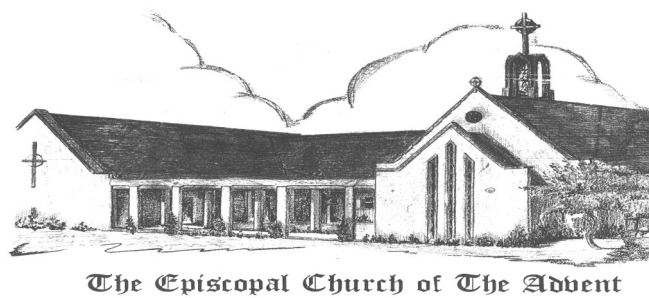
**November 16:** Glenda Dove and Mary Jean  
When Harry met Minnie—by Martha Teichner

# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00am HE Rite I	5	6	7	8	9 LGBTQ+ Family Camp	10 LGBTQ+ Family Camp
11 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00am HE Rite II LGBTQ+ Family Camp	12	13 5:15pm Vestry	14	15	16	17
18 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00am HE Rite II Final slate of candidates for Bishop Coadjutor published	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve No Service
25 Christmas Day <i>5th Sunday of Advent</i> No Service	26	27	28	29	30	31
Tom Gone						

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday After Christmas <i>9:00am Morning Prayer</i>	2	<b>3</b> All Parish Reports due to Debbie today!	4	5	6 Epiphany	7
Tom Gone						
<b>8</b> 1st Sunday after Epiphany <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>15</b> 2nd Sunday after Epiphany <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i> <i>10:30am Annual Parish Meeting</i>	16	17 <i>5:15pm Vestry</i>	18	19 <i>5:15pm Book Club</i>	20	21
<b>22</b> 3rd Sunday after Epiphany <i>Recovery Sunday</i> <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i>	23	24	25 <i>All final input for the February Newsletter due to Cookie</i>	26	27	28
<b>29</b> 4th Sunday after Epiphany <i>9:00am HE Rite II</i>	30	31	<b>27-29 January:</b> Discernment Forums, previously called "Walk-Abouts," will take place in the Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi and San Antonio regions; <i>times and locations to be determined</i>			



In December we celebrate the birthdays of Clif Hammock on the 2nd, Landry Wallace on the 6th, Leo Broesche on the 8th, Christa Lizotte McGee on the 9th, Noelle McDonald on the 10th, Careen Hammock Rogers on the 15th, Kelly Hunter on the 17th, John Gust Tsesmelis on the 25th, Claire McDonald on the 25th, and Donna Yocum on the 26th,

In January we celebrate the birthdays of Daniel Broesche on the 2nd, Autumn Lemieux on the 3rd, Ashton Broesche on the 10th, Robert (Bob) Powell on the 11th, Dalia Maldonado on the 12th, Jayden MacCord on the 13th, Stratton Hoffman on the 14th, Christine Keliehor Visosky on the 14th, Gabriel Hoffman on the 18th, Rachel Teale Turner on the 20th, Tyler Teigen Hoffman on the 21st, Jean Paul on the 21st, Brent Hoffman on the 25th, Evan Hoffman on the 28th, Martha Walker on the 29th, and Debbie Brown on the 31st.



**“We are studying  
Ephesians & Philippians”.  
Join us in the Parish Hall,  
on Sundays after the  
Service.**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

In December we celebrate the  
Wedding Anniversary of ,,,,,,,,,,

In January we celebrate the  
Wedding Anniversary of  
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# Prayer Request



**Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:**



*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.*

*~Amen~*

Bill Acker, Alex Aquino, Keith Arnold, Anne Bayless, Lydia & Marie Bertrand, Brad Blanker-becker, Buzzy Botard, Jack Bradford, John and Edith Burris, Cindy Case, Bill Christian, Karen Cochran, Gregg Edlin, Bob Eifling, Garron Farrar, Rhonda Farrar, Delfi Flores, Jeff Floyd, Bill Ford, Billy Fortenberry, Melba Gafford, Anita Garcia, David Garza and family, Gracie

Gruber, Kim Harrison, David Herbert, David Hoelscher, Bruce Hoffman, Aaronette Housley, Andy Housley, Kelly Hunter, Jill Kirby, Juanice Kirby, Lewis Kutschke, Wayne LeBleu, Darla Lee, Autumn Lemieux, Philip Lemieux, Alex Lopez, Ginette Lynd, Jeanie Lynd, Jeffrey Lynd, Loyce Maroon, Matt Maroon, Ian Milligan, Mickey & Pat Myane, Susan McCarn, Susan Paul,

Ramon Perez, Nena Pitts, Shirley Powers, George Reed, Stacey Reed, Beth Roddy, Isaul Santos, Jan Sierman, Jim Siverd, Paulette Southard, Annette Starr, Virginia Starr, Avery Stein, David Sullivan, Roberta Thomure, Lainey Topacio, John Gust Tsesmelis, Tom Turner, Wayne Waltrip, Holden Weaver, and Cinco Woods.

**If you have placed someone on either prayer, please contact Debbie in the office; by email at <[aliceadvent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aliceadvent@sbcglobal.net)>.**

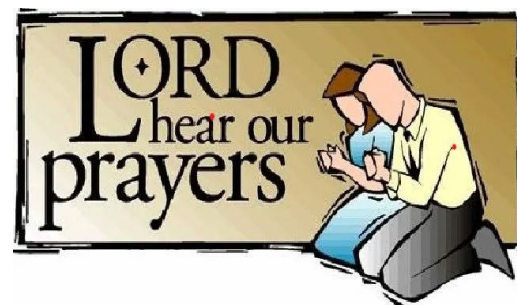
**Please confirm the names you have on the regular and/or military prayer lists.**

**One  
Nation  
Under God**

## Pray for our Military Family

home and abroad; especially; Benjamin, Caton, Correy, Drew, Jared, Joseph, Noah, Phillip, Sean, and William. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen~

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at



**From the kitchen of  
Pinterest**

## **CROCKPOT CANDIED NUTS**

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1-1/2 cups pecan halves
- 1-1/2 cups walnut halves
- 1 cup unblanched almonds



### **DIRECTIONS**

- **1.** In a greased 3-qt. slow cooker, mix butter, confectioners' sugar and spices. Add nuts; toss to coat. Cook, covered, on low 2-3 hours or until nuts are crisp, stirring once.
- **2.** Transfer nuts to waxed paper to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.



## The Month of December

December is the 12th month (and last month) in our modern-day Gregorian calendar (as it was in the preceding Julian calendar).

However, it was originally the 10th month of the Roman calendar (until 153 BC). Hence, “December” comes from the Latin word *decem*, meaning “ten.”

Back in Roman times, the calendar only had ten months and began with March! The winter period was not even assigned months because it was not an active time for military, agriculture, or civil life.

The month of December originally consisted of 30 days. When January and February were added to the calendar (around 700 BCE), December was shortened to 29 days. Then, in the subsequent Julian calendar, two days were added to December, making it 31 days long.

## December Calendar

**December 6** is **Saint Nicholas Day**. St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, inspires traditions around the world from hunts for presents to stockings or shoes filled with sweets.

**December 7** is **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**.

**December 13** is **St. Lucia's Day**, which has long been associated with festivals of light. Before the Gregorian calendar reform in 1752, her feast day occurred on the shortest day of the year (hence the saying “Lucy light, Lucy light, shortest day and longest night”).

**December 15** is **Bill of Rights Day**.

**December 17** is **Wright Brothers Day**.

**December 18** marks the beginning of **Hanukkah**.

**December 21** is the **Winter Solstice**—the astronomical first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and first day of summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

**December 25** is **Christmas Day**, a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

**December 26** is **Boxing Day** (Canada, UK) and the first day of **Kwanzaa**.

**Dec. 26:** National Candy Cane Day

## December Moon & Astronomy

### Winter Solstice

The month of December brings the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. This is the shortest day of the year (the day with the least amount of daylight).

**AD** In 2022, the solstice occurs on Wednesday, December 21.

### Full Cold Moon

December's full Moon, the full **Cold Moon**, appears on Wednesday, December 7, reaching peak illumination at 11:09 P.M. EST.

### Geminid Meteor Shower

Look skyward on the night of December 13 after 9 P.M. for a chance to catch a glimpse of the **Geminid meteors**. The Geminid meteor shower is the most active shower of the year.

This year, the peak of the meteor shower meets a waning gibbous Moon, meaning that the sky will still be affected somewhat by the light of the Moon. If the sky is clear and temperatures aren't too chilly, it's still worth venturing outside to try to see the Geminids.

## Recipes for the Season

*Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,  
Please put a penny in the old man's hat;  
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,  
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!*  
—Beggar's rhyme.

## *From one Kitchen to Another*

### INGREDIENTS:

- °1 1/4 c flour
- °3/4 c butter
- °1/4 cup pecans + extra for top
- °8 oz cream cheese, softened
- °16oz Fresh Whip
- °1 cup powdered sugar
- °4 small boxes (3.4 oz) instant lemon pudding
- °5 cups of milk



### \* INSTRUCTIONS:

#### FIRST LAYER

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Cut the butter into flour. Mix well and add the pecans. Pat to bottom of a 9×13 pan & baking about 20 min . Let cool totally.

#### SECOND LAYER

Whisk together softened cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in half of the Cool Whip (about 8 oz). Spread over crust.

#### THIRD LAYER

Combine lemon pudding and milk. Beat until thickened. Spreading on cream cheese layer.

#### FOURTH LAYER

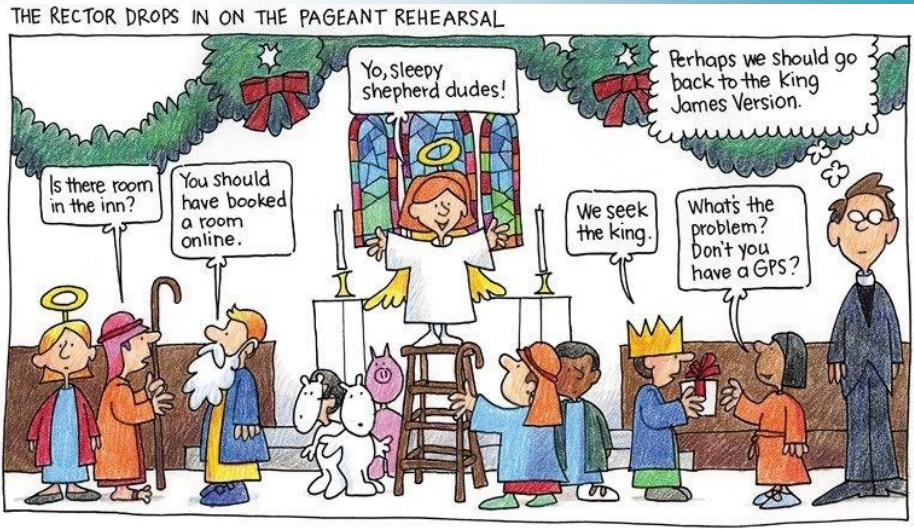
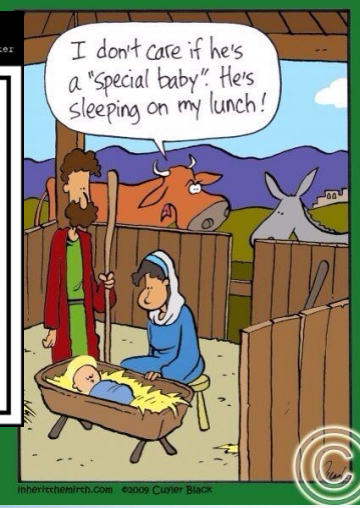
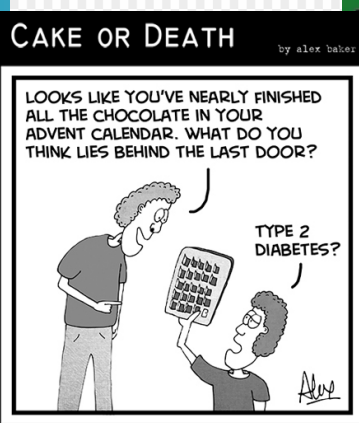
Pour and swirl the remaining fresh whip on top. Sprinkle with pecans.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Enjoy !



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Dec/Jan Challenge 243

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2022 VESTRY

*“The Vestry is the body of elected parishioners called to cast vision, care for finances and property, and collaborate with the Rector in servant leadership of the church.”*

Rev. Tom Turner

- Roge Hoffman, Sr. Warden
- Clif Hammock, Jr. Warden
- Gail Hoffman, Clerk
- Juliette Wood
- Steve Keim
- David Sullivan
- (Vacant)
- Aaronette Housley
- Bruce Hoffman

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